GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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TIGER PROJECT IN MAHARASHTRA
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a tiger project in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to displace the revenue villages falling under the national parks/sanctuaries; and

(d) if so, the time by which they are likely to be displaced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal for declaring the Chandoli forest area as a Tiger Reserve, which has not been accepted by the Steering Committee of Project Tiger.

(c) & (d) Based on recommendations of the Tiger Task Force appointed as per the recommendations of the National Board for Wildlife under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister for reviewing the management of tiger reserves in the country, the Wildlife Institute of India has been directed to assess the core areas of tiger reserves where village relocation has to be undertaken, in addition to other protected areas of the country within a timefrarne of five years. Simultaneously, action has been taken for developing a model involuntary village relocation/rehabilitation package through a professional agency.